

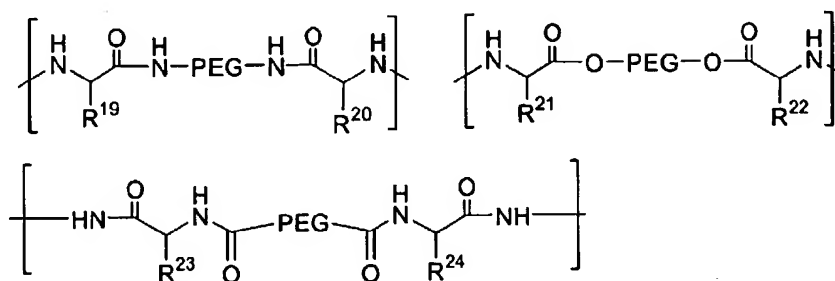
28. (Canceled).

29.

(New)

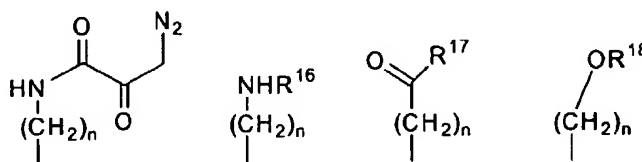
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A polymer according to claim 10, wherein L comprises a structure selected from the group consisting of



wherein PEG

is polyethyleneglycol, R^{19} - R^{24} are individually selected from the same groups as defined for R or comprise a structure selected from the group consisting of

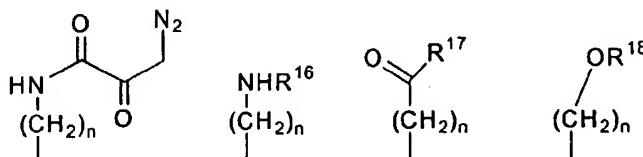


wherein n and R^{16} to R^{18} are as defined in claim 9, R^{19} - R^{24} optionally incorporating a pendent group comprising a cleavable linker unit.

30. (New) A polymer according to claim 1 wherein R, R^2 and R^3 are hydrogen.

31. (New) A polymer according to claim 13, wherein the polymer is conjugated to an anti cancer agent.

wherein PEG is polyethyleneglycol, ~~R¹⁹-R²⁴ optionally incorporates a pendent group comprising a cleavable linker unit, and may additionally comprise groups individually selected from the same groups as defined for R or may comprise a structure selected from the group consisting of~~ [[



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wherein ~~n and R¹⁶ to R¹⁸ and R¹⁶ to R¹⁸ are as defined in claim 9.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A polymer according to claim 9, wherein s is an integer ~~[[of]] in the range from 1 to 10, preferably 1.~~

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12. (Currently Amended) ¹² [[a]] A polymer according to claim ¹² ~~[[9]] 29,~~
wherein at least one of R¹⁴ to R²⁴ incorporates a cleavable bond, ~~preferably a group (I) or one or more peptide bonds.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A polymer according to claim 9, wherein the polymer is conjugated to a bioactive agent, ~~preferably an anti-cancer agent, most preferably, doxorubicin, daunomycin or taxol.~~

14. (Currently Amended) A polymer according to claim 9, wherein the number average molecular weight is in the range of 0.5kDa-400kDa.